

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 16, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-35 are pending in this application. Claims 18-35 are withdrawn in the previous election. In this Office Action, claims 1, 6-8 and 14-17 are rejected and claims 2-5 and 9-13 are objected. In this reply, claims 1, 3 and 4 amended and claim 2 is canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 3-35 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the examined claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6-8 and 14-17 rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kumagawa et al. (US 6,909,415, hereinafter “Kumagawa”). Claims 2-5 and 9-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The rejection of claims 1, 6-8 and 14-17 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

In this Office Action, the examiner said that claim 2 has an allowable feature. In this reply, claim 1 has been amended to have the allowable feature of “wherein a high-level first common voltage and a low-level second common voltage are alternatively supplied to adjacent storage lines.” Also, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 3-17, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over Kumagawa.

Therefore, claims 1, 3-17 are allowable over Kumagawa in that each of these claims recites this feature, for example, "wherein a high-level first common voltage and a low-level second common voltage are alternatively supplied to adjacent storage lines" of amended claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 not accounted for above, such as an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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